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CUBA.

Report on yellow fever and smallpox in Habana.

HABANA, May 6, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that yesterday (May 5) I paid one of my frequent visits to all of the eight hospitals in and around the city, including the military, civil, and private institutions, and that I ascertained that nearly all of the yellow fever that there is here at present is among the soldiers in the military hospital. During the week ended yesterday 12 new cases of that disease occurred among the troops and 5 deaths.

There had entered in the same period into all of the remaining seven civil institutions but 2 cases, 1 of which had died and the other was convalescing. One of those cases came from the arsenal. As more than nine-tenths, in fact almost all the cases of yellow fever find their way into one or the other of the hospitals, a pretty close estimate of the number of cases can generally be made. Yesterday, for the first time in over six weeks, we had some rain. To-day is very warm (83° F.) and muggy, with prospects of more rain. The effect of these warm rains will naturally be increase of disease, particularly among the many soldiers in and around Habana and along the Trocha.

Smallpox, which has existed here for more than 18 months, is again on the increase, and fears are entertained that it may become an epidemic. As a large number of those who become afflicted with that disease (except troops) do not go to hospitals, but remain in private houses, and as no report is made of them, the total number of cases can only be estimated approximately by knowing the number of deaths, and calculating from that standard there must have been from 60 to 75 new cases, at least, during the week ending yesterday. A majority of those cases were among civilians. In the outlying towns there are some cases also.

Measles has been very prevalent for some weeks past, but the mortality from that disease in this climate is very small.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BURGESS,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cienfuegos.

Under date of May 3, the United States Consul at Cienfuegos reports as follows:

The smallpox epidemic is becoming quite alarming, there being over 300 cases in the town and its suburbs, according to reliable information. There were 20 deaths from this disease during the week ended May 3, being an increase of 12 over the previous week.

Yellow fever.—There was 1 death from this disease at the municipal hospital. No other cases are reported.

Scarlet fever.—Several cases in town.

EGYPT.

Report on the prevalence of cholera in Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, April 27, 1896.

SIR: In reply to your letter dated 8th instant, received to-day, I have the honor to state that the official returns, supplied by the international